

I am very strongly opposed to the highly partisan decision of Sinclair Broadcasting to air the anti-Kerry documentary prior to the November election. It is absolutely critical that the public airwaves strive for balanced views, objectivity in reporting and complete, unedited coverage of the news. Airing of this anti-Kerry program is a violation of the use of the public airwaves, and should only be permitted if an anti-Bush program of identical length is aired immediately before or afterward. Sinclair Broadcasting is clearly attempting to influence the election -- an outrageous action for a broadcasting company to take, one which is very obviously not in the public interest.

If this broadcast goes forward, the FCC should not permit renewal of Sinclair's license, since they will have shown themselves to be in the business of partisan politics, not objective reporting.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I will be paying close attention to this issue and to the reaction of the FCC if Sinclair Broadcasting chooses to air this show.

Sincerely,  
Karen Wening

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.